

State of California — The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PRIMARY RECORD

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NRHP Status Code _____

Other Listings _____
Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____

Page 1 of 2 Resource name(s) or number (assigned by recorder) N-211

P1. Other Identifier: Flight Support Facility

***P2. Location:** ☒ Not for Publication ☐ Unrestricted

***b. USGS 7.5' Quad** San Francisco North, Calif.

Date: 1995

***a. County** Santa Clara

***c. Address** 450 King Road

City Moffett Field

Zip 94035

***e. Other Locational Data:**

***P3a. Description:** (Describe resource and its major elements. Include design, materials, condition, alterations, size, setting, and boundaries.)

Building N-211 is a large hangar located on King Road, facing the air field at the east end of King Road. The rectangular building is about 299' by 421' and measures approximately 153,800 sq. ft. The main hangar space opens on the east side with a pair of large horizontal rolling sectional doors. A metal, barrel-vaulted roof covers the main hangar space and concrete asbestos panels provide the exterior facing. Massive, concrete pylons are located at each corner of the hangar space. The north and south elevations are two-story with exposed concrete walls and a flat roof. These elevations feature simple, flat, horizontal concrete bands that run across each façade and have steel awning windows that are sandwiched between the horizontal concrete bands. The windows are separated by rusticated concrete piers with grooves that align with the window mullions. The west elevation has a three-story standing-seam metal addition with a shed roof, also standing-seam. This addition was constructed in 1975. The north side of the building serves as a smaller hangar space with rolling sectional doors facing the air field and several overhead doors on the north and west sides. Three additional metal sheds have been added on this side. A steel cage ladder for roof access is located on the southeast side of the building.

This building appears to be in good condition.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** (list attributes and codes) (HP39) – Other: Research Facility; (HP39) – Other: Hangar

***P4. Resources Present:** ☒ Building ☐ Structure ☐ Object ☐ Site ☐ District ☐ Element of District ☐ Other

P5a. Photo



P5b. Photo: (view and date)

View of East Façade, (8/11/05)

***P6. Date Constructed/Age and Sources:** 1945

***P7. Owner and Address:**
United States of America as
represented by National Aeronautics
and Space Administration (NASA)

***P8. Recorded by:**
Page & Turnbull, Inc.
724 Pine Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

***P9. Date Recorded:** 08/11/05

***P10. Survey Type:**
Reconnaissance

***P11. Report Citation:** Lori Neff,
*Department of Parks and Recreation –
Historic Resources Inventory "Bldg.
N211, Flight Support Facility,"* (1995).

***Attachments:** ☐ None ☐ Location Map ☐ Sketch Map ☐ Continuation Sheet ☒ Building, Structure, and Object Record
☐ Archaeological Record ☐ District Record ☐ Linear Feature Record ☐ Milling Station Record ☐ Rock Art Record
☐ Artifact Record ☐ Photograph Record ☐ Other (list)

BUILDING, STRUCTURE, AND OBJECT RECORD

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*NRHP Status Code 3CS

*Resource Name or # N-211

B1. Historic name:

B2. Common name: Flight Support Facility

B3. Original Use: Hangar

B4. Present use: Hangar, offices, and research facility

*B5. Architectural Style: Art Moderne

*B6. Construction History: (Construction date, alterations, and date of alterations)

1946 – Date of Construction; 1961, 1963, 1972, and 1974 – Interior Alterations; 1975 – Addition (west façade)

*B7. Moved? ☒ No ☐ Yes ☐ Unknown Date: _____ Original Location: _____

*B8. Related Features:

Significant architectural features include the sliding hangar doors, concrete exterior, concrete detailing (speedlines, piers, etc.), and steel-sash windows.

B9a. Architect: National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA) Engineers

b. Builder:

*B10. Significance: Theme Post-War Science and Space Exploration

Area NASA Ames Research Center

Period of Significance 1940-1952

Property Type Research Facility and Hangar

Applicable Criteria 3

(Discuss importance in terms of historical or architectural context as defined by theme, period, and geographic scope. Also address integrity)

Originally used as an airplane hangar and shop, Building N-211 is still used in its original capacity. However, this building has gained new uses with the addition of office and research space. It exemplifies the qualities of a WWII-era hangar with its concrete exterior, sliding hangar doors, concrete speedlines, domed open interior, and steel trusses. Thus, this building appears to be individually eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources under Criterion 3. It does not appear to be eligible for individual listing under California Register Criterion 1 and 2. Although a standing seam metal addition was added to the building in 1974, this building still possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The building retains the qualities that identify it as an exemplary example of the hangar building type.

B11. Additional Resource Attributes: (List attributes and codes) (HP39) – Research Facility; (HP39) -- Hangar

*B12. References:

- Lori Neff, *Department of Parks and Recreation – Historic Resources Inventory “Bldg. N211, Flight Support Facility,”* (1995).

B13. Remarks:

In 1995, Section 110 survey documentation of the NASA Ames Research Center was submitted to the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).

*B14. Evaluator: Rich Sucre, Page & Turnbull, Inc.

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*Date of Evaluation: 10/18/2005

(This space reserved for official comments.)

Sketch Map

